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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of :

Nigel D. ATHERTON et al.

Group Art Unit 1616

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ELECTION and AMENDMENT

Assistant Commissioner for Patents  
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

In response to the Election of Species Requirement set forth in the Office Action dated October 2, 2002, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

IN THE CLAIMS:

2 Please add the following new claims

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--26. A method according to claim 1, wherein said lanthanum (III) compound is a lanthanum carbonate.

27. A method according to claim 13, wherein said lanthanum (III) compound is a lanthanum carbonate.

28. A method according to claim 14, wherein said lanthanum (III) compound is a lanthanum carbonate.

29. A method according to claim 15, wherein said lanthanum (III) compound is a